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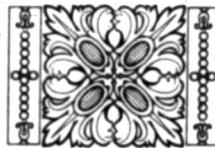
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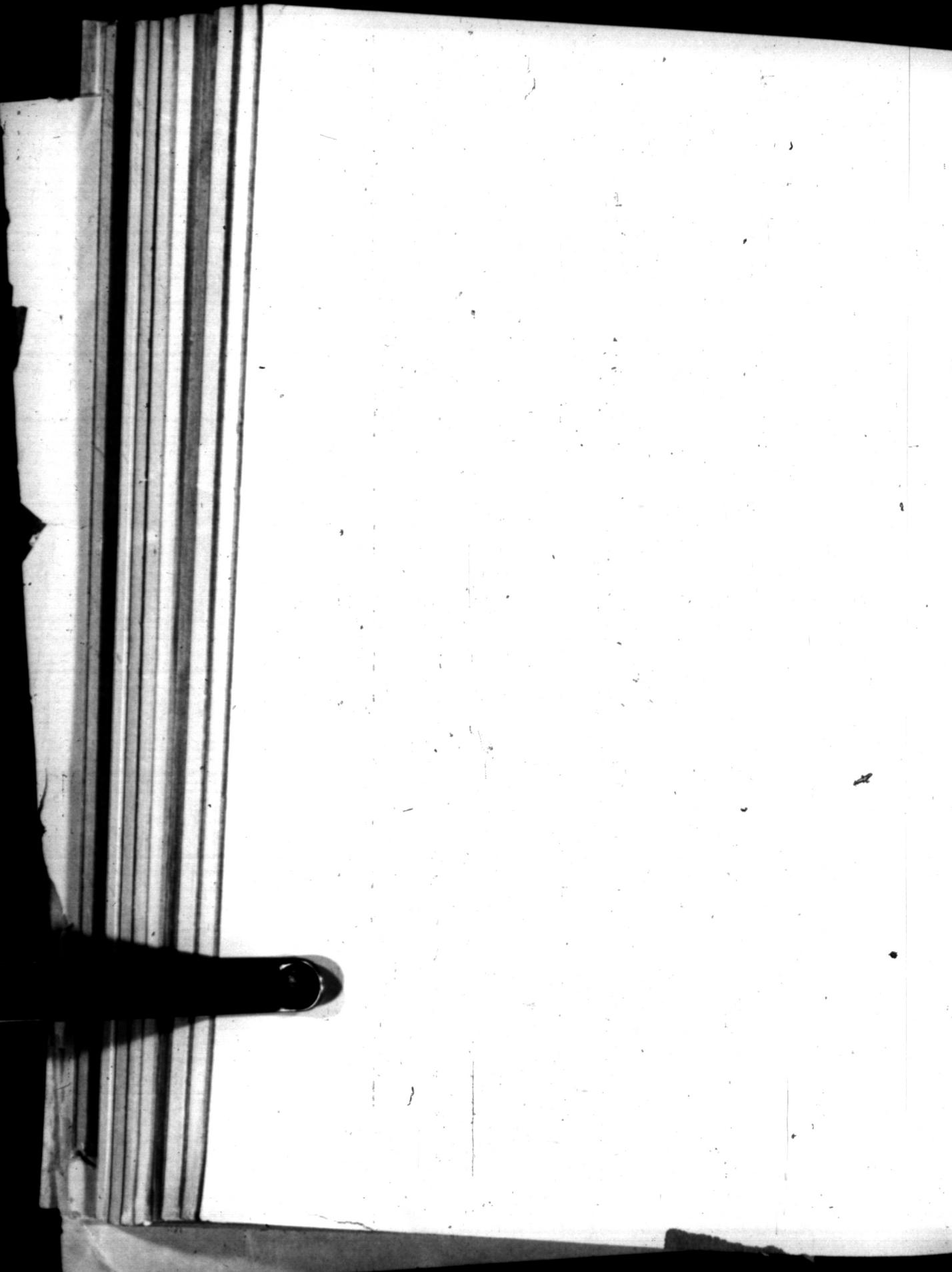
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HELD WITH
HEPZIBAH BAPTIST CHURCH
ARM, MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 21-22-23, 1923



PROCEEDINGS

Friday morning September 21, 1923, The Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association in its eleventh annual session met with Hepzibah Baptist Church according to order.

After singing some songs of praise, the moderator ask Brother C. W. Black to conduct Devotional Exercises; he read a few verses from 22nd chapter of Genesis, prayer was then offered by Brethren J. L. Low and A. L. Obryout.

The association was then called to order by the moderator. Brethren L. C. Burkett, A. C. Nelson and J. H. Johnson were appointed as Finance Committee.

The Clerk of the association not being present, L. C. Burkett was elected temporary clerk.

The letters from the different churches were called for and the clerk authorized to enroll the names and the messengers present from the churches as follows: viz

Antioch—Hallis Gorner, R. H. Sinclair.

Bassfield—R. M. Thompson, S. Clark, J. L. Low, L. C. Burkett.

Corson—W. D. Turnage, Mrs. W. D. Turnage, D. Venson, A. C. Nelson.

Ebeneezer—F. A. Hathorn, L. B. Thompson.

Hebron—A. H. Dale, W. C. Hutchins.

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Hepzibah—J. E. Barnes, W. L. Daniel, J. E. Chance, Owen Sanders, I. E. Fortenberry.

Hathorn—S. V. Tolor, J. W. Stamps.

Oak Grove—Jim Bazemon, F. Magee, Houston Bazemon.

Prentiss—J. B. Quinn, G. L. Martin, T. L. Jones.

Bethany—J. O. Buckley, George Mikell, Jessie Chance, J. M. Polk, J. C. Burkett.

Phalti—W. H. Thompson, L. J. Roberts.

Society Hill—Knox Palk, Fleet Parkmon, J. M. Fortenberry, L. R. Upton, H. C. Williamson.

Terry Chapel—H. L. McPhail, H. C. McPhail, B. S. Adams.

Dublin—A. G. Dyess, Mrs. M. E. Dyess, J. C. King.

On motion the rules for electing officers to the association by ballot were suspended, and the following officers were elected by acclamation: A. H. Dale, Moderator; E. H. Walker, Treasurer; L. C. Burkett, Clerk.

Special prayer was then offered by Dr. W. F. Yarborough.

Received correspondance as follows: Dr. W. F. Yarborough representing the State Board; A. L. O'Bryant, Enlistment man from the fifth District; J. E. Byrd, representing the General Baptist Religious work; L. E. Lightsey, representing the Baptist Record and other Religious Literature.

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Messengers from other association: J. P. Williams, Moderator of Simpson county association; Brethren Bill Atwood, C. W. Black and J. E. Philips from Lawrence County Association.

On motion the following order of business was adopted for this session of the association:

FRIDAY MORNING

10:00 Association called to order—Devotional, calling for letters and seating messengers.
Organization.

11:15 Associational Sermon.....J. B. Quinn
Miscellaneous Business.
General Announcements.
Adjourn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Association called to order—Prayer.
Petitionary Letters.
Correspondance received and arranged,
Appointment of Committees.

2:15 Reading the following Reports:
Christian Education.
Ministerial Education.
Ministerial Relief and Armnities.
General Discussion.

4:00 Miscellaneous, business, announcements.
Adjourn.

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 Association called to order—Devotional.
Laymans Work.
W. M. U. Work.
Stewardship.
Religious Literature.
General Discussion.

10:00 Missions.
State, Home and Foreign.
General Discussion.

11:45 Miscellaneous Business.
Announcements.
Adjourn.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:15 Association called to order—Prayer.
Orphanage.
Hospital.
Temprance.
Church Disciplins.

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General Discussion.

3:45 Miscellaneous Business.

Announcements.

Adjourn.

SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 Sunday School and B. Y. P.U. Mass Meeting.

Reading the reports on S. S. and B. Y. P. U.

11:00 Preaching.

Final Adjournment.

Preaching in afternoon if desired.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters; there being none.

Those who were to read reports were called; there being same absent. The Moderator ask the following Brethren to write reports: L. E. Lightsey, on Religious Literature; J. P. Williams on Temperance and Social Evils.

On motion the following was adopted:

Resolved, that any member of this association who is in good standing with his church is hereby authorized to represent this association in any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

On motion Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock was made the special hour for reading the report on Missions.

On motion, further business was suspended, and Brother J. B. Quinn preached the Associational sermon, using as a text Matt. 25-14, 1 Cor. 4-26; 1 Peter 4-10; Subject: Stewardship.

After announcement on motion, recessed until 1:30 p. m.

Benediction by L. E. Lightsey.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional song service, Prayer by Brother J. P. Williams.

Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

By request of the association, Brother L. T. James was asked to read a soul stirring letter from Brother J. G. Chastain, who for long years has been fighting battles in the Foreign Fields in the interest of our Baptist Faith.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to answer this letter.

On motion the Moderator was given the power to appoint such committees as he thought helpful to the association.

Committees

On Nomination—E. H. Walker.

Chairman—W. H. Thompson, J. J. Chance.

Digest of Letters—J. P. Deer, T. L. James, J. P. Williams.

Religious Exercises and Entertainment—The Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Brother J. L. Low read the report on Missions. The report was discussed by Brethren J. L. Low, Dr. W. F. Yarborough, A. L. O'Bryant and J. E. Byrd.

On motion the report was adopted as follows:

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REPORT ON MISSIONS

If we should ask for a definition of Missions, we would doubtless get quite a variety of answers. A great many of our people seem to think that the word Missions synonymous with the word money, and that Mission work is simply the work of raising money. While as a matter of fact, Mission work is the work our Lord came to teach to do, and committed to His Churches when He went back to the Father. He summed up His Mission in these words: "For The Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost."

He assigned us our Mission in the following words: "as my Father hath sent Me even so send I you." Then if we believe our risen Lord, we must believe that the work of Missions is His ordained plan for preaching the Gospel to every creature. It must therefore be apparent to all that a mere belief of the doctrine of missions is not sufficient. If we would be loyal disciples of our Lord, we must be doers of Mission Work.

Since the Master left the devising of ways and means for carrying on the work to His people. Your committee beg to call attention by briefly our Baptist arrangement for doing the task assigned. For convenience of arrangement, we speak of State, Home and Foreign Missions. It should be said however that this plan is clearly implied in Act 1-8 where our Lord says: "But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jesusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Taking this scripture as a basis for our plan of campaign, we have our three great Missions Boards.

The primary object of our State Board is to give the gospel to the destitute sections of Mississippi where there are no churches, or where the churches are too weak to support the work. The sphere of our Home Board's activities is 17 southern states, Panama Canal Zone and Cuba. This Board in co-operation with the various state boards, seek to supply the destitute where the state boards and local churches cannot meet the needs. Another function of the Home Board is to aid weak churches, to build houses of worship adequate to the local needs.

Our Foreign Mission Board attempts to send the gospel to the unnumbered millions beyond the sea. This work is the acid test of our loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ. He says: "All authority hath been given unto Me both in Heaven and on earth, go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them unto the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." The Foreign Mission Board is in a peculiar sense the answer of Southern Baptist to the command of the Master to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The work of this board is a humble way Southern Baptist

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claim of the Lord's promise to be with us to the end of the world.

In conclusion your committee beg to call your attention to the fact that these boards are composed of our brethren and are elected by us. That these labors are labors of love and that by as much as we are loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ, we must co-operate with our Boards in the work we have elected them to do.

J. L. LOW, Committee;

On motion the following resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas, the wisdom of a united effort on the part of the Southern Baptists has been so clearly demonstrated during the past four years, as evidenced by the unprecedented progress which has been made in kingdom work, and

Whereas, our people have seen the wisdom of budgeting the work of the denomination so as to provide regularly and adequately for all worthy causes, and

Whereas, we have seen the value of a worthy financial objective or goal in our plan to raise 75 Million Dollars in five years, and

Whereas, we have seen the need for canvassing the churches annually in order to enlist the new converts who are coming in every year and of re-enlisting those who move during the year, and

Whereas, we have been more thoroughly impressed with the need of regular and systematic giving all through the year, and

Whereas, we, as a denomination, must continue to go forward; and to go forward we must look ahead and plan ahead;

Be it, therefore, resolved that we the Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association in annual convention assembled, signify our approval of:

1. A united south-wide movement following the close of the 75 Million Campaign to raise funds with which to carry on our mission, social service, and educational work.

2. A budget for all mission, social service, and education work; same to be divided and distributed on a percentage basis in proportion to the relative needs and merits of the various causes fostered by the denomination.

3. A five year financial objective, same to be not less than \$75,000,000.00 for the five years—the amount to be determined by the sum total of the conservative claims of the various causes, after each shall have made a careful survey of its needs and future plans.

4. An annual appeal for pledges which will insure a thorough canvass of all the members of all the churches once a year.

5. A united effort for teaching Stewardship and Budget Plan for denominational and local work of the Baptist Churches of our State.

6. An ample period of time to insure thorough preparation for the program which shall follow the 75 Million Campaign.

Brother J. O. Buckley made a report for the Entertainment Committee.

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After announcements, on motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother J. B. Quinn.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION

Devotional song service; Prayer by Brother J. P. Williams. Brother L. E. Lightsey conducted devotional exercises, reading a part of the 28 Chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Brother L. E. Lightsey.

The association was then called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Minutes of the first day's session was read and corrected.

The report on Denominational Schools was read by L. C. Burkett.

On motion this report was put into the hands of a special committee, composed of Brethren J. M. Palk, J. B. Quinn and J. O. Buckley to be abstracted and adopted as follows:

DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS

The most powerful agencies of our denomination are our schools and colleges. Extensive and permanent conquests cannot be made for our Master without a trained leadership. A trained Baptist leadership is impossible without unadulterated Baptist Colleges.

Almost a century ago, some Mississippi Baptist realized this fact and laid the foundation for the splendid system of schools which we proudly claim.

1. MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SCHOOLS

1. CLARK COLLEGE, H. T. McLAURIN, President

Clark College is co-educational Junior college. It is ideally and strategically located, being at Newton, Newton County Mississippi. It is therefore in the heart of one of the most thickly populated sections of the state; in this territory Baptists are numbered by thousands.

The past of this institution has been one of unheralded sacrifice. There have been mistakes in management, but there can be no doubting the sacrificial liberality of its trustees, patrons, and faculty members. A new day has dawned for Clark College.

During the summer \$10,000 have been used in renovating the buildings and providing new equipment. Every room in the dormitories as well as the class rooms has been made over. They are as good as new. A new plumbing outfit has been substituted for the old one, and a new heating plant installed.

2. BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE, W. T. LOWERY, President

Blue Mountain College is now the only Baptist school in Mississippi which maintains a full four year high school course. In order to standardize, a college must either do away with its preparatory department or make it separate from the college depart-

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ment in faculty, students, discipline and buildings. Blue Mountain College choose the latter, because of the fact that there are many girls in Mississippi and surrounding states who need a Christian boarding school for their high school course.

In accordance with the action of the Baptist Convention at Grenada in November 1922, Blue Mountain College had prepared to meet the conditions for being placed on the recommended list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

3. WOMANS COLLEGE, J. L. JOHNSON, President

The Womans College closed its eleventh session last May. The attendance was as good as it could be because our dormitories were filled the entire year. The enrollment was about 500. Our Bible and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was as fine as we have ever done. The Woman's College captured the banner of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. State Convention at Columbus this year for the best College B. Y. P. U.

Practically every girl in school belongs to the Y. W. A. and we had the largest number of Mission Study Classes conducted by students that we have ever had.

The health of our student body could not have been better as we have not had a single case of serious illness during the session.

We are making a number of other improvements. We are adding over 3000 books to our library. This gives us the required number of 5000. A great many of these books have been donated to us by friends of the college.

4. MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE, J. W. PROVINE, President

The session of 1922-23 of Mississippi College stands out as one of the most eventful in her history.

1. The enrollment of 410 college students was an increase of 48 students from last year.

2. Through the generous and patriotic attitude of the convention and the untiring efforts of the Secretary of the Commission the endowment of the college was increased to \$640,000.00.

5. HILLMAN COLLEGE, M. P. L. BERRY, President

Hillman College is not owned and controlled by the Baptist denomination but it is still Baptist in spirit. It is a junior school for girls with one of the strongest faculties which can be found in a similar kind of school anywhere. The Baptist State Convention placed its approval upon Hillman College and its work.

SOUTH WIDE INSTITUTIONS

Mississippi Baptist help to support and maintain three South-wide institutions of learning. They are the Baptist Bible Institute, located at New Orleans, The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth and the Southern Baptist Seminary at

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Louisville. Over 1000 of our choicest young men and women were in these institutions last year preparing for definite Christian service at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

DESSIE FORTENBERRY.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by Brother J. B. Quinn.

On motion time was extended for the discussion of the report.

The report was discussed by Brethren J. B. Quinn, J. O. Buckley, J. P. Williams and J. R. Carter.

On motion the report was adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The proper training of the ministry has always been in the mind of God and more or less in the minds of His people. We read of the schools of the prophets in olden times, which were nothing less than theological seminaries for the training of the young prophets for greater efficiency.

There never was a time in the history of the world when efficient leaders were not needed, and there was never a time when strong, intelligent and sane ministers were needed more than now. The world is full of evil of every sort-skepticism was never as prevalent and as intense as now. Like a cancer it is eating at the very heart of our educational system. No one can meet this condition and baffle it quite so well as the strong hearted, well informed and well trained minister.

There was a time when the uninformed and untrained minister could go forth with the simple gospel message and achieve wonderful success. Two reasons for this; first the masses was not educated as now and conditions were not as complicated as now. This is an age of great progress and the progressive march the minister must be in the lead.

Some how, we do not know why, God as a rule, has always called into the ministry men of not much of this world's goods. They are not able to prepare themselves for their great calling and I thoroughly believe that we are called of God to help prepare them for their work. It is our business to furnish places of training for these men. As Baptists we are working at it, but not as we should. Mississippi Baptists have Mississippi College where we had 93 ministerial students last year, and Clarke College where we had 28, a total of 121 in college last year. About 60 of these received aid from the Ministerial Board to the amount of about \$8000.00 or about \$133.00 per student, which you see, is very in adequate. The problem of the Ministerial Board is to house the married students that want to enter college. The Board had to pay out last year about \$1000.00 for house rent in addition to the cottages they have.

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Many of the ministerial students are under going great sacrifices in order to stay in school. Boxes of good second hand clothing and boxes of non-perishable foodstuffs could be used to great advantage. Therefore we recommend:

1. That the 75,000,000 campaign pledges be paid as promptly as possible and that in addition our churches make a free will offering some time during the fall months to this cause, as only 5% of the 75,000,000 campaign quota for christian education goes to this fund—This you see is wholly inadequate for present needs.
2. That our women be requested to get up for and send to the Ministerial Board Boxes of good second hand clothes and non-perishable food-stuff.
3. That our pastors and churches earnestly pray that God may call into the ministry more of our brightest and best young men.

Respectfully Submitted By the Committee.

—J. B. QUINN.

Brother G. L. Martin read the report on Laymans work. Sister J. T. Magee read the report on Woman's Work. Brother J. O. Buckley read the report on Stewardship, Brother L. E. Lightsey read the report on Religious Literature.

These reports were discussed in a group by Brother J. O. Buckley.

On motion, recessed for one hour,

Announcements.

Prayer by Brother J. R. Carter.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotion song service, prayer by L. C. Burkett.

Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Discussion of the befornoon reports was continued by L. E. Lightsey, J. P. Williams and J. B. Quinn.

On motion these reports were adopted as follows:

9. The Laymen's Work.

The Laymen have no distinctive organization in Mississippi, except an Executive Committee of six leading laymen who are appointed each year by the State Convention. This committee advises with the other leaders of our denominational work in planning and executing the various programs for the advancement of the Kingdom.

More and more the laymen of our State are lining up in the regular denominational program and making themselves useful in carrying out the plans of the churches, the associations and the denomination at large. More laymen were used in putting over our spring cash round-up than have ever taken part in a similar movement before. Still larger use will be made of our consecrated laymen in the plans now being projected for the fall.

The Budget-Stewardship Campaign that is now being launched throughout the South is largely an outgrowth of the agitation and

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interest of the laymen during recent years. Their influence and active assistance are now urged in the teaching of Stewardship and in putting into operation in the churches the Unified Budget Plan for gathering and distributing funds for the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. MARK.

Your committee submits the following report:

The Woman's Missionary Union constitutes the Womans Missionary Society, Young Womans Auxiliary, Girls Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador and Sunbeams.

In Jeff Davis County Association, we have 14 W. M. S. with a total membership of 339. We have eight auxiliaries.

The aim of our union is to enlist our Baptist women in christian work, instruct and train them for service and ultimately, become soul winners.

To promote this aim, we have Baptist Records in 149 homes. Home and Foreign Fields in 17 homes. Royal Service in 37 homes.

Our societies have put forth special effort in the young people's work. We have realized that only through the proper training we can expect them to be useful and active christians.

In Educational work, we are helping to send five young women to training school in Louisville, Ky. Three to Blue Mountain. Four to Woman's College and some young men to Clark and Mississippi College.

The Personal Service work has done much this year in aiding ministerial students, hospitals, orphanages and aged ministers, and in local work, visiting sick, prisoners, strangers coming, for the needy and many little things too numerous to mention.

Our White Cross work has not been taken up yet, but will be soon in the way of furnishing bed ticking for our Foreign Hospitals.

We have not done as much in mission study work as we should, but hope to arouse new interest there.

We have given \$1,049.50 to 75 Million Campaign. To hospitals in Japan, \$15.25.

Let this committee suggest that our key words for 1924 be, "Supplication and Service," for with these and these only, can we accomplish the one big aim, "Win Souls."

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship like missions, is a subject, thought of and largely disposed of in terms of money. But Stewardship is more than a question of giving our money. The full requirements of Stewardship cannot be met by any system or method, that confines itself to the giving of money alone.

Stewardship carries with it the idea of having entrusted to person or persons the management of estates or affairs not our own. A steward then is a trustee. In dealing with Christian Stewardship

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we must recognize the great truth of God's ownership of all things, "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein."

The oldest land entry on record is "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Should we search this record we would fail to find where He has at any time, or any age transferred this title to any. If we accept the plain teachings of His word, we find that He not only created and owns the material Universe, but that "we are the creatures of His hands." "It is He that hath made us, and we ourselves." "In the image of God created He us." "Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price." "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ."

The doctrine of ownership carries with it the fact of the Lordship of Jesus in the life of every believer, and makes the believers life, with all his endowments a plan of God in the world.

As tenants or trustees of these endowments, His work requires that our lives should be made a Kingdom asset, and not a liability. The intrusted favor should stimulate us, to try to reach the highest degree of efficiency in Christian Stewardship.

While Stewardship lays its claims on every resource, we think of it chiefly in its relation to money. Money is the concrete expression of everything else. Its coming involves the use of muscle, time, thought, and will. And is therefore so much coined personality, it is self converted into a circulating medium, and is the final test of a man's character.

Your committee would urge the tenth as the minimum expression of our obligation as stewards. All variations should be upward.

In conclusion we offer this simple plea for the tenth as the minimum:

First, the Bible declares that the tenth is the Lord's.

Second, it would provide all the money necessary for the carrying out of the world-wide commission of our Savior.

Third and last it insures a blessing to the one who heartily observes it, and brings increased material blessings also.

—J. O. Buckley.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

No one can estimate the power of the press upon the civilization of today; as a means of spreading knowledge and of sending forth information. The press is unsurpassed. To this end we earnestly recommend that a careful consideration be given to our own paper and Baptist periodicals. The Baptist Record now has a circulation of over 10,500. The responsibilities of the paper have increased as the denominational interest has multiplied until now, the Record fills a very large place in the out going of the work. It has steadily improved for the past few years until it now ranks second to none in the South. Other improvements are anticipated in the near future.

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Our great task is to see that the paper is sent to every Baptist home in Mississippi. We would also call attention to the importance of putting into all our Baptist home, Royal Services, Home and Foreign Fields and Orphanage Gem.

2. The Baptist Press

The Baptist Printing Press is now doing the printing for all our Baptist interest. The Baptist Record is now printed on our own press. The printing plant complete has been put in and paid for at a cost of \$20,000. It is up-to-date in every particular and deserves the hearty patronage and support of our people.

3. The Baptist Book Store

The Baptist Book Store is carrying a complete line of Bibles, Song books, Theological works, and other books of general interest. The net sales up to the present time for the year have been over \$20,000, which is about \$2,000 more than last year. The Board has had one man in the field, Rev. L. E. Lightsey, who gives his time in the main to the Baptist Record, the sale of books for the Baptist Book Store and the distribution of religious tracts. His report is as follows: Churches visited, 142; Services held, 109; Sermons and addresses, 285; books sold, 3711; B. Y. P. U. organized, 1; Subscription to Home and Foreign Fields, 200; Royal Service, 72; Subscription to the Baptist RRecord, 985; Tracts distributed, 2600; amount received for books, \$3,500; additions by baptism, 31; by letter, 36. We would urge our people to patronize our own book store and to subscribe for our own paper the Baptist Record and also Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. LIGHTSEY, Committee

The report on nomination was read by Brother E. H. Walker. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

The following are recommended to write reports:

Denominational Schools—I. N. Bush.

Ministerial Education—J. B. Quinn.

Ministerial Relief and Annuities—C. V. Sutton.

Layman's Work—T. L. Jones.

W. M. U. Work—Mrs. Mary Hathorn.

Stewardship—W. W. Lee.

Religious Literature—J. L. Low.

Missions State, Home, and Foreign—J. P. Williams.

Orphanage—J. O. Buckley.

Hospitals—H. C. Laine.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.—R. E. Palk.

We recommend that the association meet with Carson Baptist Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September 1924.

We recommend that J. P. Williams preach the associational sermon, with J. O. Buckley alternate.

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We recommend as your messenger to the Southern Baptists Convention, J. B. Quinn, Henry Fortenberry, alternate.

We further recommend the association defray his expenses,

E. H. WALKER,

J. J. CHANCE,

W. H. THOMPSON,

Committee.

Report on digest of letters was read by Brother J. P. Williams. On motion the report was adopted.

The report on the Orphanage was read by L. C. Burkett; the report on Hospitals was read by S. V. Tolar; the report on church discipline was read by J. B. Quinn.

These reports were discussed in a group by Brethren L. C. Burkett, G. L. Martin, J. M. Palk, J. R. Carter, J. P. Williams and J. B. Quinn.

On motion the reports were adopted as follows:

The Child Welfare problem seems now to be the most important that we have for consideration. If Mississippi could adequately take care of her neglected children for the next generation, many of our adult problems would be settled. The man who neglects to put a lock on his barn until after his horse is stolen, then takes his chances in recovering his horse and bringing the criminal to justice, has made a very grieved and expensive mistake. Society that has neglected the child and let it grow up in wickedness and criminality, working wreck and ruin to society and wrecking its own life has made a much more grieved and expensive mistake.

Christ while upon earth gave a great deal of attention to children, the bible is full of instruction and admonition as to the care of children. The wise man wisely said "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it." There is no more far reaching statement in the Sacred word than this for this is meant not only for parents, but for every society or Social agency that has to do with children.

The efforts put forth by Christian people in saving and training children, are the most effective efforts for citizenship, and for our kingdom work. We should give more adequate support both financial and moral to all the Child Welfare agencies that are working for the betterment of our neglected children.

We feel that much has, and is being done through the efforts of our Baptist Orphanage, and commend it and its work to the prayerful consideration and support of our churches and Sunday Schools. We would urge that through the remainder of our present program (the 75 million campaign) that our people will seek redeem their pledges and thus take care of the Orphanage, and all other objects fostered by our denomination.

More than 1000 children have been cared for and trained by our Baptist Orphanage, and have gone out to take their places in

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society, and in our kingdom work. Less than 1 per cent of whom have become a menace to society or made shipwreck of life.

We have had an average in our Orphanage during the year 170 children. We learn from our management that the health of the children has been good, and that their efforts have been attended with a good degree of propriety and success. We would urge the hearty and loyal co-operation of all our people so that all the needs of our institution will be provided for.

Committee,

HENRY FORTENBERRY.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

The past year has been perhaps the most important year in the growth and development of the Baptist Hospital in its whole history.

We have a splendidly working staff of physicians, surgeons, and specialists. We have a first class chemical laboratory, a splendid X-Ray machine used for diagnostic work with Dr. W. F. Henderson, who is one of the best radiologists in the State in charge. We will, within the next sixty days, install a new up-to-date X-Ray machine to be used wholly for treatment of uncured cases especially cancer cases.

Since our last report, we have treated 1671 patients, 210 of whom were treated free. The hospital has no funds with which to care for charity patients except the profit made upon pay patients, which fact prevents us from taking many who apply for free hospital care.

We have 25 nurses, splendid young women who are preparing themselves for high calling of nursing the sick. We are profoundly grateful to all our friends who have given us assistance, especially the different churches and Sunday Schools and Missionary organizations.

The work of the Baptist Memorial Hospital moved forward steadily during the first six months of 1923. The aim is to keep the work up to the standard and make improvements in organization and operation. The second floor was put into use for patients during this period.

We admitted 5399 this year against 4169 for the same time last year. 468 of these were charity patients. The laboratories made 7615 examinations and tests. The X-Ray made 1506 treatments and pictures. The Department of Physia-Therapy administered 1276 treatments. The expenses for the six month was \$265,641.31, of this amount \$47,485.86 was expended for charity. Now double these figures and you will have a years work or possible it will be more because our work is increasing all the time.

The bonded indebtedness on the buildings and other things is \$240,000.00. Brethren, God is expecting you to pay your pledges to

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the 75 Million Campaign in order that these debts may be liquidated.

Respectfully submitted,

S. V. TOLAR.

TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL EVILS

Your committee will have to interpret this subject in the light of present conditions. Temperance hardly expresses the situation. We have prohibition, Constitutional and statutory. We have in school books for our children scientific instruction as to the damaging effect of alcohol on the physical, mental and moral character. But we still have in the land the cause of debauchery, caused from strong drink of a most vicious kind. The local production of a poisonous drink to be sold to people with depraved appetites and moral perversions; and at robber prices, and all this in flagrant disrespect of the law of state and nation. It is a menace to our civilization and it behooves this Association to condemn the nefarious business, withal to appeal to the members of the churches composing this body to render every possible aid to the officers of the land to enforce the laws against it. We would also have these churches to remember that to take part in the traffic as it is now handled, either to make, sell, buy or drink it is to aid lawlessness and in the sight of God to commit crime. We believe that church members who lend such aid are traitors to the Christ they profess to love, and to obey. If our churches tolerate such conduct in their membership, they can but fail to maintain the ideal of a Christian civilization, without which the future is dark indeed. We attempt a brief mention of some of the evils fostered by this unholy thing. It disregards the obligation and oath to obey the law, and leads to the waste of money for the want of which children go hungry and bare. It also leads to lying and perjury, also fosters the basest forms of immorality. What more need be said but this: Resolved, that we pledge our lives to a relentless warfare against this blot upon our civilization until it has ceased to be. It is to uphold the law, or chaos worse confounded will follow. Much has been accomplished, yet we are in the thick of the fight.

Respectfully submitted,

J.P. WILLIAMS.

Announcements.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Brother J. O. Buckley.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises led by Brother L. E. Lightsey. Prayer by Brethren J. R. Carter and L. B. Thompson.

Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Brother J. R. Carter read the report on Sunday School. L. E.

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Lightsey read the report on B. Y. P. U. These reports were discussed by Brethren J. R. Carter J. O. Buckley and L. E. Lightsey.

On motion they were adopted as follows:

We are living in an age of progress and in this progressive march the Sunday School should have its place.

There never was a time in the history of our church when the Sunday School was needed more than it is today, for the world is full of evil and evil influences that tend to lead our young people away from the church and from God.

The Sunday School is one of the best agencies we have for helping to win these for the service of our Lord. We have in this Association sixteen Sunday School with an enrollment of approximately nine hundred pupils. This is a good showing, yet it is far from what it should be; we can more fully realize this when we think of the great number who do not attend any Sunday School at all.

In order that we may enlist these and develop our Sunday School to a higher standard, your committee begs to recommend the following:

First, that each member of our Sunday Schools make an appeal to someone else to enlist in Sunday School work.

Second, that special emphasis be put on class organization, in this way we can enlist the church membership in Bible study.

Third, that we emphasize the importance of teacher training work; one of our greatest needs is trained teachers. We insist that every church needs its seasons of training just as it now has its seasons of revivals.

Fourth, that we give place in all our Sunday Schools to our denominational work, which includes all the causes supported by the 75 Million Campaign.

Fifth, that our special days be emphasized in all our Sunday Schools because of their educational value.

Respectfully submitted,

LEE HUTCHINS.

B. Y. P. U.

An A-1 church member is one who attends church regularly; one that lays his individual affairs aside on preaching days and goes to church. He gets to the services on time; in fact he attends all services connected with the church, prays both in public and privately, reads his Bible daily and is interested in the advancement of the kingdom. For a number of years the cry was we haven't any trained or willing workers in our church, can't get anyone to take part in church work; the Sunday School came along and helped this matter in a way, but it did not for some cause develop enough workers. There was still a drag for some cause, so in a few years along came the B. Y. P. U. Now what is a B. Y. P. U.? It is a Baptist Young People's Union. What is the B. Y. P. U for? It is a Christian organization fostered for the purpose of training our young people to

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do Christian work in our churches or in life. Every church needs a B. Y. P. U. in it. There isn't but one way for a church to have a good B. Y. P. U. and that is for the older people to encourage their children, talk with them about training themselves how to be useful Christians, show them the necessity of it. Today as a whole we can easily see that every church that has a B. Y. P. U. is generally known as a good live church.

The pastor and the officers of the church should see that the B. Y. P. U. is well cared for. Should the B. Y. P. U. need help to buy literature manuals, see that they get it. It should be the duty of the church that when a B. Y. P. U. member advances in the B. Y. P. U. work, to see that he is permitted to have some work in the church to do. Give them a job. So many boys and girls that would be useful are neglected. Put some work on them and see that they do it.

To the pastors of Jefferson Davis County Association: Pastors, please pledge yourself that you are going to see that your church has a good B. Y. P. U. by next Associational year. There are just a few B. Y. P. U.'s in our county. Let's put it on the map. We can, we must. There are now somewhere between seven hundred and sixty and one thousand B. Y. P. U.'s in the state of Mississippi. Does Jefferson Davis County have her share? Let's have them soon.

Repectfully submitted,

IKE BASS.

Brother J. H. Johnston read the report on Finance. On motion this report was adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance, would submit the following report:

Associational Purposes \$63.58

Brother E. H. Walker read the Treasurer's report:

On motion adopted as follows:

Amount turned over by Finance Committee \$63.58

On motion the report on Nominations was recalled and amended by striking out "Thursday" and inserting "Friday," and was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer of this Association is authorized to pay the Clerk \$25.00 or his services during this session.

On motion the Clerk is authorized and directed to have 250 copies of Minutes published and these to be distributed to the churches as requested in their letters.

On motion, resolved that the thanks of this Association be and they are hereby tendered the members of this church and to the people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion adjourned to meet with Carson Baptist Church of Jefferson Davis County, seven miles east of Prentiss and five miles

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west of Bassfield, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1924, at 10 o'clock A. M.

A. H. DALE, Moderator.
L. C. BURKETT, Clerk.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

The erring brother is nearly always with us. There are two extremes in dealing with him. One is to overlook his conduct entirely and to wink at his wickedness. The other is to jump at every suspicion and whiff of slander, and to have a church trial on the merest rumor.

Jesus urges a middle course. "And if thy brother sin against thee, go, show him his fault between them and him alone; and if he hear thee, thou has gained thy brother." The manly thing to do is to see the erring brother and lay before him the grounds for grievance if any. There may be a chance of saving him for the church. If one cannot clear up the matter, "Then take with thee one or two more" tried and trusty brethren, known as faithful followers of Christ. We are told that the stronger members must bear the infirmities of the weak. In this way the life of some member may be saved, saved for service.

This develops the character of the members of the church, as it teaches patience and forbearance to the stronger members, and self-reliance to the weaker. If the erring one is still unrepentant, then it must be told to the church. "If he neglect to hear this church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." Of course, this is the last thing to do, but it is for the good of the churches that it be done.

At the present time there is a sad lack of discipline on the part of our churches. When we fail to do this we fail to do what Jesus commands us to do.

W. H. IZARD.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptisms.	Members.	Pastor's Salary.	75 Million Campaign.	Expenses of Church.	Sunday Schools.	Woman's Missionary Unions.	B. Y. P. U.
Antioch.....	2	127	\$ 250.00	\$ 288.90	\$ 686.05	1	1	
Bassfield.....	4	148	480.00	475.00	16,70.58	1	1	1
Bethany.....	6	203	300.00	474.00	921.82	1	1	
Carson.....	3	128	300.00	113.25	467.60	1	1	1
Ezenezer.....	3	214	300.00	137.84	487.84	1	1	
Hathorn.....	1	154	300.00	124.65	534.36	1		
Hebron.....	4	261	400.00	1,402.50	2,056.70	1	1	
Hepzibah.....	7	247	275.00	130.00	775.20	1	1	
Oak Grove.....	15	105	200.00		368.61	1	1	
Phalti.....	4	139	300.00	425.75	870.05	1	1	1
Prentiss.....	220	1,200.00		2,675.83	4,436.05	1	1	2
Society Hill.....	16	210	300.00		623.20	1	1	
Victory.....		129	150.00		189.35	1	1	
Terry Chapel.....		51	100.00		135.75			
Dublin.....	13	95	100.00		100.00	1		1
Whitesand.....	11	242	300.00	721.60	1,193.20	1	1	1
Total.....	99	2,673	\$5,155.00	\$6,968.82	\$15,516.36	15	13	7





